GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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LAND MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the land management works in States have not been undertaken on priority consequent to which productivity of land and increasing agricultural production has suffered as has been brought out by the C & AG in its Report 3 of 2000 on page 221 in para 4.12.02

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have looked into the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (e) : The Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C & AG) in para 4.12.2 of theReport No 3. Of 2000 had, inter-alia, observed that in the States of Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Mizoram and Meghalaya there were certain deficiencies in the implementation of works relating to land management under the erstwhile Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). However, this Report of the C & AG does not indicate that the productivity of land and the agricultural production had suffered because of the said deficiencies. Since the schemes were implemented by the States, the observation of the C & AG were communicated to the concerned State Governments for their comments. The States have not agreed with the observations of the C & AG. Under the new Scheme Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY), Soil and moisture conservation are permissible activities, which can be taken up by the Panchayatiraj Institutions as per the felt needs of the area.